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Title: **IMPROVED pH REDUCING FORMULATION**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the final Official Action dated March 2, 2009, along with a Request for Continued Examination, making a response due to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before June 2, 2009. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears at page 21 of this paper.